

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 98 - SB 1259

February 15, 2023

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the “Rep. Barbara Ward Cooper Act.” Requires each local education agency (LEA) to include in the course of instruction for students in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) curricula designed to educate students in conflict resolution. Applies to the 2023-2024 school year and each school year thereafter.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact – LEAs may be required to purchase additional materials and hire staff to provide a course in conflict resolution to students in grades K-12. However, due to multiple unknown variables a precise increase in local expenditures cannot be reasonably determined.

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that LEAs will be responsible for reviewing curricula and procuring materials that can support a course of instruction in conflict resolution.
- The proposed legislation does not specify the required duration of the course or the materials that would be necessary for students and instructors.
- The resources necessary for an LEA to provide a course of instruction in conflict resolution will depend on the size and fiscal capacity of each LEA.
- In the event that LEAs are required to obtain additional resources or staff, an increase in local expenditures may occur.
- However, due to multiple unknown variables, a precise local fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.
- No impact to the Department of Education.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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